

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5.

The members of the House were thrown into convulsions to-day by the announcement that C. E. Silcott, the cashier in the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of that body, had skipped, with a large sum of money belonging to them in his hands. According to latest accounts his defalcations amount to about \$100,000. As he left \$33,000 in the safe, he is generally supposed to be not only a rascal, but a fool also, as, if caught, his term of imprisonment will not be a day longer than if he had bagged all in sight. Some of the members had not drawn any of the salary and mileage due them since the 4th of last March. Of course the government will have to pay the loss, though it is not bound to do so, as the money to pay them was drawn from the Treasury and receipted for, and if the House chose to entrust it to dishonest hands, it, and not the government, should be the loser. Silcott is an Ohio democrat and had long been supposed to be one of the most honest employees of the House. He is bonded to Mr. Ledom, the ex-Sergeant-at-Arms, for \$50,000, and Mr. Ledom is bonded to the House for that sum, but, as stated above, that is only for about half the loss. What provokes the members most is the fact that they can now draw no money, and Christmas is coming. Gen. Lee of the Alexandria district will be put to no inconvenience, as he is one of the few who drew their pay in full up to the 1st of December.

The supplemental message will suggest the possibility of raising the \$163,000 needed for increased interest, against his plan to raise from some new source. It is believed that this will be the basis for a vigorous attempt to settle the debt. It is the opinion in legislative circles that a movement will be made to make the taxes higher on liquor, and that, by the Governor's suggestion of equalization, much property that now escapes taxation will be made to yield revenue to the State.

It is thought by some that after the temper of the Governor's message in regard to the debt is communicated to the foreign council of bondholders they will probably authorize someone to submit a new proposition to the Legislature.

Mr. Jefferson Davis's condition is about as usual. He has been for the past two

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Sunday night. As he did not appear Tuesday, Mr. Leedom began an investigation. The office safe could not be opened at the moment, but when an entrance was finally effected, it was found that \$30,000 set apart for the use of the paying teller, was intact.

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